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AS DISCUSSED DURING CHANNING VISIT IN FEBRUARY, EMBASSY
ALGIERS PROPOSES FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR FY 1976
INTERNATONAL VISITOR GRANTS:

NOMINEES

1. MOHAMED BRAHIMI, DIRECTOR GENERAL ALGERIE PRESSE SERVICE,
BORN NOVEMBER 11, 1929, IN LAGHOUAT, ALGERIA.

2. MADAME MOHAMED BRAHIMI (NEE DJADRI ZINEB), JOURANLIST
WITH ALGERIAN RADIO-TELEVISION, BORN AUGUST 19, 1935, IN
TEBASSA, ALGERIA. SHE WAS ALGERIAN DELEGATE TO IWY
CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY IN 1975.
BRAHIMIS WILL TRAVEL TOGETHER AND BE AVAILABLE IN LATE JUNE
OR JULY. PROGRAM DETAILS FOLLOW IN SEPARATE MESZAGE.

3. MOULAY BEN MILOUD, DIRECTOR GENERAL NATIONAL OFFICE
OF SCIENTIFIC RESARCH, BORN CIRCA 1938 IN AIN SAFRA.
ALTHOUGH BEN MILOUD HAS BEEN IN THE US, EMBASSY URGES
HIS CANDIDACY BECAUSE OF HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT AS DG
OF ONRS. HIS INTEREST IN SCIENTIFIC RESARCH METHODS
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IN THE US AS A MODEL FOR ONRS WAS HEIGHTENED BY THE

RECENT VISIT OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ ASTRONAUTS IN FEBURARY.

4. OFFICIAL OF ALGERIAN FINANCE MINISTRY. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY HAS AGREED IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR PARKER TO SEND AN OFFICIAL TO THE US TO STUDY BUDGET PROCESS. OUR OFFICIAL INVITATION, EXTENDED VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN JANUARY, HAS NOT YET BEEN ANSWERED. MINISTRY STATES THAT QUESTION IS NOW UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

5. OFFICIAL OF ALGERIAN PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTRY, TO FOLLOW UP RECENT SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY DR. GEORGE LYTHCOTT, EMBASSY PROPOSES INVITE MINISTRY OFFICIAL, LEADING DOCTOR OR MEDICAL FACULTY UNIVERSITY DEAN. PURPOSE WILL BE TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE ON MEDICAL EXCHANGES INITIATED BY LYTHCOTT.

ALTERNATES

1. ABDELWAHAB BENNINI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL NATIONAL OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, BORN 1937. MR. BENNINI WILL BE INVITED SHOULD DIRECTOR GENRAL MOULAY BEN MILOUD BE UNABLE TO GO. THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATES ARE NAMED FOR THE REMAINING GRANTS ON THE NOMINEE LIST:

2. MOHAMED ISLY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INPED, MANAGEMENT SCHOOL FOR MID-LEVEL AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF ALGERIAN NATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

3. MOHAND LOUNES RAAF, DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION. MR. RAAF WAS NOMINATED FOR A GRANT IN 1975, BUT GOA SELECTED INSTEAD MOURAD BENACHENOU, DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN MINISTRY.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS INITIATED DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGEY TO SEND SEVERAL HIGH RANKING MINISTERIAL DIRECTORS IN A CONTINUING PROGRAM OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWING CANDIDATES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

ABDELAZIZ KHALEF - DIRECTOR FOR PLAN COORDINATION.
RABAH AMEUR MOUSSA - TECHNICAL COUNSELOR AND DIRECTOR OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.
SID ALI TIAR - COUNSELOR.

5. AMBASSADOR HAS RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A GRANT

FOR OFFICIAL IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH
MOHAMED ABERKANE, DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AND
WEST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY. INITIAL
REACTION WAS POSITIVE, BUT FINAL APPROVAL MUST
COME FROM HIGHER UP. OUR SUGGESTION IS THAT KHALIFA
LOKMANE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AND WEST
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS BE CONSIDERED WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED.
COMMENT: IN ALL CASES, DEPARTMENT MUST REMAIN AWARE OF
ALGERIAN SENSITIVITIES AND RELUCTANCE TO INCURRING ANY
OBLIGATION TO THE USG. THE BENACHENOU GRANT, HOWEVER
DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT, CAME OFF VERY WELL AND MAY
SERVE TO DISPEL ALGERIAN MISGIVINGS ABOUT ACCEPTING
GRANTS, AT LEAST IN THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
EMBASSY HOPE IS THAT "GOOD FEELING" THERE WILL SPREAD
TO OTHER MINISTRIES.PARKER

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